



## COIN COUNTER AND TICKET DISPENSER FOR A GAME MACHINE

### Field of the Invention

A gaming system which pays out a bonus to a player playing a gaming machine.

### Background of the Invention

US Patent 5,810,664 relates to an electronic gaming apparatus which preferably corresponds to and effectively automates games of chance, for example, the game known as the "pull-tab". The apparatus is generally played by a single player and is designed to dispense a ticket containing indicia thereon. A large number of tickets are in the apparatus and the player actuates the apparatus and obtains a dispensed ticket. If the indicia which appears on the ticket constitutes winning or scoring indicia, the player obtains a reward. All tickets are preprinted and may be dispensed from a bin containing pre-cut tickets. Otherwise, the tickets may be severed from a strip in the form of a roll containing all of the tickets sequentially. The apparatus comprises a display means which displays each of the indicia on a ticket. The display is operated in a manner so that the indicia are effectively scrolled across the display screen to generate an image of rotating wheels which display the indicia. A method of distributing pre-printed rolls of tickets is provided such that each player of the gaming apparatus plays against every other player and not just the gaming apparatus.

US Patent 4,652,998 relates to a video gaming system with pool prize structures including remote game terminals and a central controller with two-way communications between the remote game terminals and the central controller. Prize awards are based upon random shuffling of a set of prize awards among a predetermined pool of plays for